

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A base of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus, said base comprising a tilt stand being formed on the base and having a mounting surface tilted to mount a drum thereon, wherein the mounting surface has a mounting hole into which ~~the~~ a shaft of the drum is inserted to regulate the position of the drum on the mounting surface.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A base of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus, ~~said base comprising a tilt stand being formed on the base and having a mounting surface tilted to mount a drum thereon, wherein the mounting surface has a shaft mounting hole into which the shaft of the drum is inserted and not less than~~ according to claim 5, further comprising at least one mounting hole which is formed in the mounting surface in the range of a diameter smaller than the diameter of the drum from the shaft mounting hole to mount the drum ~~thereon~~.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Original): A base of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus, said base comprising;

a tilt stand being formed on the base and having a mounting surface tilted to mount a drum thereon; and

a cut and bent portion which is formed by cutting and bending the base and retains the drum mounted on the tilt stand to provisionally fix the drum.

Claim 9 (Original): A drum of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus, said drum comprising;

a cylindrical fixing member for supporting a cylindrical rotary member provided with a head for tracing a tape, the head projecting from the peripheral surface of the rotary cylindrical member;

a shaft being a rotational center of the cylindrical rotary member and projecting from the bottom of the cylindrical fixing; and

a fixing portion formed on the bottom of the cylindrical fixing member is provided at a position nearer to a center side than an end portion of the cylindrical fixing member.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A drum mounting unit of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus, said drum mounting unit comprising [[:]];:

a tilt stand formed on a base;

a cut and bent portion formed on the tilt stand by cutting and bending the base; and

a retaining portion having a shape corresponding to the cut and bent portion,

wherein the drum is provisionally mounted on the tilt stand by making the retaining portion retain the cut and bent portion.

Claim 11 (Canceled).